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Snowball fights at Buccaneer Park for the first time in history. Page 14

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## Santa comes to Buccaneer Park

Santa will be at the I Care Village at Buccaneer State Park on Christmas Day at 2 p.m. until all the presents are given out. For more information, call 228-424-8485. Sponsored by Premiere Construction and the Morrell Foundation.

## Public assistance deadline changed

The deadline for applicants to submit a request for public assistance from FEMA has been extended from Nov. 30 to Dec. 30. Any applicant who has not submitted a request for public assistance may do so until Dec. 30. Government agencies, special districts and private non-profits can apply for FEMA's public assistance from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. by calling 601-965-2596, or anytime online at mississippi.org.

## Salvation Army assistance

Until Dec. 23, the Salvation Army will be providing assistance for those families who have pre-qualified to receive Christmas assistance. There are 4 distribution sites and 10 days in which the items will be distributed. For more information contact Kim Stevens at 727-647-3179.

## Chamber hosts Holiday gala

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## County facing budget crunch

Supers wary of proposed employee layoff plan

By DWAYNE BREWER

Staff Writer

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors is considering a proposal that would result in the loss of 100 county jobs.

Supervisors are worried about the proposal that would result in the loss of 100 county jobs.

County Board of Supervisors

LAYOFFS--PAGE 6 Rocky Pullman

These tough decisions need to be made together so that everyone is treated fairly.

*It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!*



Santa Claus meets Saturday with Patricia Holloway, age 5, and her brother Kyle, age 2, during the Christmas in the Kiln at the Hancock Arena on Kiln-DeLisle Rd. More than 1,000 children attended the event.

Santa returns to the Kiln Sunday for the 12th annual Kiln Cowboy Christmas Parade and VFW Children's Christmas party.



## US House approves Katrina relief bill

\$29 billion plan  
doesn't forgive  
city, county debts

### THE SEA COAST ECHO

The U.S. House of Representatives approved \$29 billion in disaster relief as part of the Defense Appropriations Act early Monday morning. The package includes \$11.5 billion for Community Development Block Grants, \$2.75 billion in highway funds, and billions of dollars to repair military and veterans facilities.

U.S. Congressman Gene Taylor praised U.S. Senator Thad Cochran for persuading the House Republican leadership and the Bush Administration to agree to help homeowners who did not have flood insurance.

"This could not have happened without Thad," Taylor said. "We have been working on aid for homeowners since right after the hurricane. Governor Barbour and all the members of the Mississippi congressional delegation helped make the case, but we were blocked by the White House and Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert," Taylor explained. "Fortunately, Senator Cochran as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee was able to force them to negotiate."

Governor Barbour has pledged that Mississippi's share of the Community Development Block Grants would provide rebuilding assistance to home-



Gene Taylor

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Hancock County Library Director Prima Plauché prepares to cut the ribbon Monday in a special ceremony at the new mobile Pearlington library.

## Pearlington Library reborn thanks to friends from afar

BY DWAYNE BREMER  
Staff Writer

Christmas came a little early for library patrons in the Pearlington community, as a new mobile library stocked with thousands of books arrived at Charles B. Murphy School. The mobile library was donated by the Allegany County Md. Public Library, and it was delivered Monday along with books, and more than \$10,000 dollars in donations to help out the Hancock County Library System.

"We are excited and thankful," said Hancock County Library director Prima Plauché. "This has been a wonderful partnership, and this will serve the Pearlington community as well as all of Hancock County."

The idea to provide a mobile library came about after the Pearlington Library was heavily damaged and had to be gutted as a result of Hurricane Katrina. The

contents of the library were destroyed. The library, located at Charles B. Murphy Elementary School was built in 1999. Although there was 20 feet of water inside the building, the building itself is still in good shape. It is currently being used as a shelter, and the status of the building is still up in the air.

The Maryland Library Association recently voted to adopt a library on the gulf coast, and the Pearlington Library was chosen as the one that was adopted.

The Allegany County Library decided to donated their mobile library, which was donated to them in 1993. The library consists of a 1994 BlueBird bus, that was going to be retired next year. Allegany County Library Director John Taube and assistants Jan Carder and Judy Castlemen drove from Cumberland Md., to Pearlington, a 1,200 mile trip that took three days.

As for the future of the

"This was a gift to our library. To be able to give it to Pearlington just extends that gift that much more. We feel very lucky to have had the chance to help out the people of this community," Taube said.

Cash donations from library systems across Maryland allowed the vehicle to be outfitted with computers, books, tapes, and other materials that can be used by the residents of Pearlington and the rest of the county.

"The offers of assistance from libraries and individuals from all over the world has been incredible," Plauché said. "The mobile unit from Allegany County, and the work of Anne Arundel County Public Library System, the Maryland Library Association, along with scores of individuals, corporations and libraries is a bright spot in an otherwise overwhelming, heartbreaking and long-term recovery."

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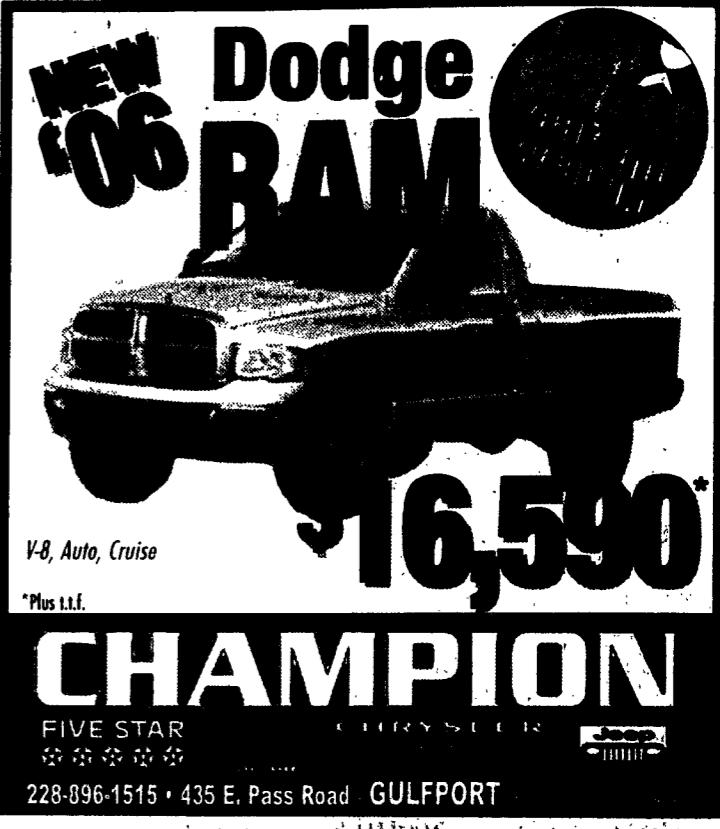
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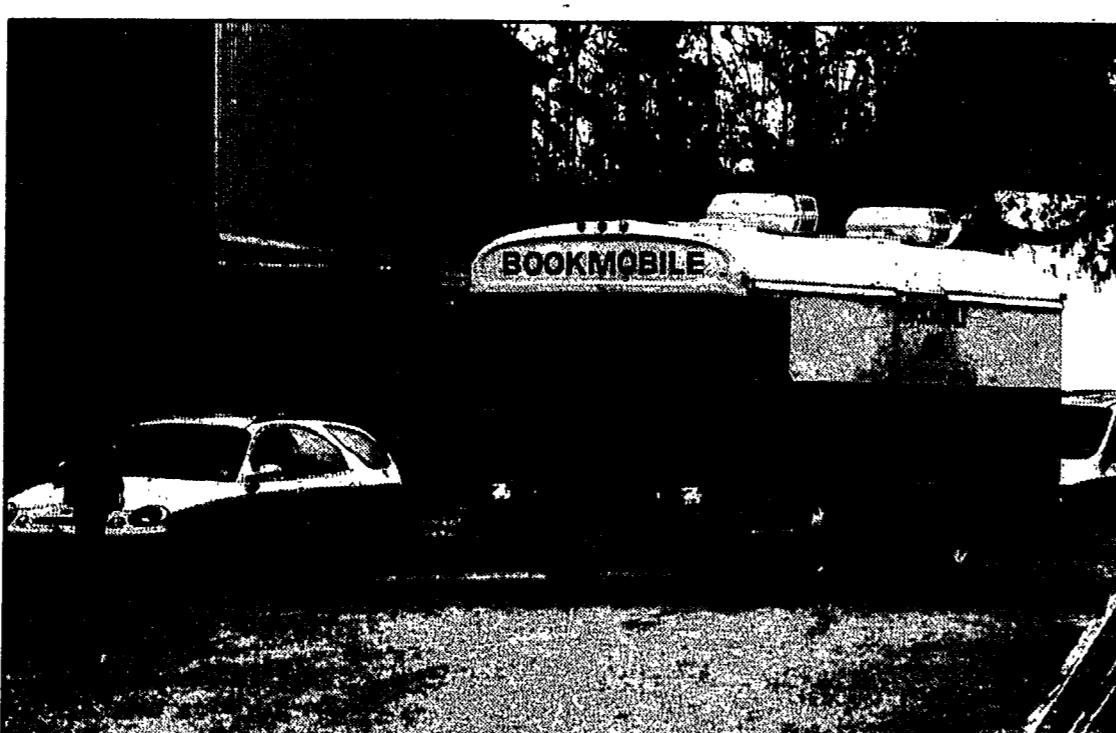


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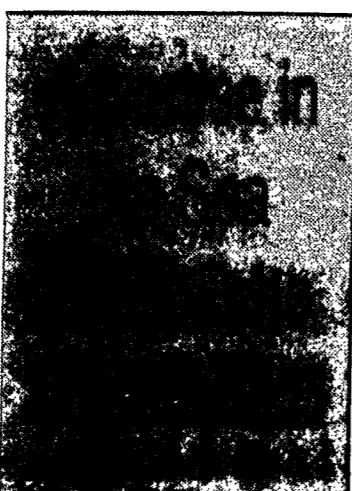
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Santa Claus visits with children of Hancock County Sheriff's deputies and staff on Sunday. Echo staff photo by Dwayne Bremer

## Florida sheriff's department brings Christmas to Hancock

BY DWAYNE BREMER  
Staff Writer

Children of Hancock County Sheriff's Department deputies and staff got to enjoy an early Christmas Sunday thanks to fellow deputies from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department in Punta Gorda Fl.

Gifts were given out to 78 children from the ages of one to nineteen. Santa Claus made it to the event as well.

"We chose a county that was similar in size to our, and we began communications with Anita Fowler to set this up," said Charlotte County

communications supervisor Relinda Brown. "We know first hand what it is to be hit with the unexpected. We just wanted to say Merry Christmas to everyone here, we know what you are going through."

Last year Punta Gorda was ravaged by Hurricane Charlie, and deputies wanted to share the kindness that they received last year.

"We know that the employees are trying to take care of so many things, so we said we said we would take care of Christmas," Brown said.

Sheriff Steve Garber said that members of the

Hancock County Sheriff's Department had gone to Charlotte County last year, and that the return of kindness was heartwarming.

"The support from other departments has been tremendous," said Sheriff Steve Garber. "This county came down right after the storm, and presented us with donations, and we are just thankful to all of them."

Anita Fowler the Communications Supervisor for the Hancock County Sheriff's Department was instrumental in the event, as well as other gifts giving operations.

"I want to thank every-

one who has helped us out. There are some wonderful people out there, and I am glad that I have had the chance to interact with some of them," Fowler said.

## Beware of scams and cons

The state of Mississippi and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) caution Hurricane Katrina victims to be careful if someone asks for work, money or information. Ask for identification and be sure you know the person or if phony contractors offer to repair your home, take a large deposit and then disappear.

Other tips to remember:

Only do business with established, reputable companies, preferably

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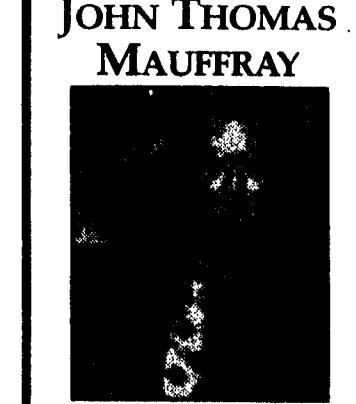
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# Opinion

## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

## A Christmas Wish List

All I (we) want for Christmas! A replaced highway bridge across the Bay of St. Louis. - A neighborhood grocery store. - No one still living in a tent. - A return of all the evacuees. - The of CSX and Amtrak trains passing through town. - Trees covered in green instead of bare or brown. - The construction of thousands of homes. - People able to take time to chat with their neighbors and friends. - Governmental agencies able to balance their budgets. - Recreational facilities restored. - All Katrina debris removed. - Dependable cellphone service. - Not having to wait weeks instead of hours for professional services. - No more waiting in lines. - A full restoration of all types of businesses. These are just a few of the wants for Christmas and are not necessarily in order of importance. I am sure each of you can add a few more wants for Christmas. \*\*\*

While on the subject of Christmas you only have a few days to Christmas shop. Shopping opportunities are rather limited this year, but we still need to shop at home if at all possible. Just as you have been hit hard by Katrina, our business owners have been too. It pays to shop at home.

## Black & white, in living color

My old friend Dr. Harry Frye down in the small town of Magnolia is a member of what you could call an endangered species: he's a family doctor, in a day of specialists.

And Harry, now age 82, having had more than his own share of health setbacks, isn't ready to pack up his stethoscope and medical kit and with his wife, Helen, retire in some idyllic destination. You'll find Harry daily shuffling along the hallways of tiny Beacham Memorial Hospital making his rounds, his arrival and healing touch eagerly awaited by his patients.

Unlike most doctors, Harry Frye keeps his home number in the telephone book, and it's not

## Eyes on Mississippi

by Bill Minor

unusual for him to give a bit of medical advice over the phone. It's also not out of the question for the silver-haired octogenarian doc to make house calls, even though he insists: "I don't make a lot of house calls, just mainly a few old friends." Somehow, during the recent influx into his community of dozens Katrina refugees needing medical attention, one gets the feeling that's only part of the story.

That's what you have to understand about Harry Frye. Almost invariably, from his own World War II experience, to saving the public school system in South Pike County, to becoming the beloved country doctor, he understates his own significant role in his lifetime's many achievements.

At least the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, despite any demurrs he may have offered, have named Harry Frye "Family Physician of the Year" and toasted him as exemplifying the finest

tradition of family medicine in his 53 years of practice in his oak-shrouded little gem of a town near the Louisiana line.

(Again the Frye rejoinder: "I guess they figured at my age they might as well give it to me because I might not be around much longer.")

I first got to know Harry Frye back in 1967 when he was president of the South Pike School District board (he served on that board 47 years). I wrote about his innovative idea of bringing white and black students from the two segregated high schools slowly into a mixed educational setting before court-ordered integration he saw coming.

(He was right; two and

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## Letters to the Editor

### Kudos to WCA for Waveland Christmas parade

Dear Editor:

This letter is to thank Waveland Civic Association members Jay Fountain, Chuck Tippit, Shorty Necaise, Ken Poore, and Tyrone Fountain for their time and effort in providing our area with their annual Christmas parade. These members of the Waveland Civic Association worked hard for weeks cleaning and preparing the floats so that they could provide our community and a very special five year old little boy named Brandon Peterson with a

Jay Fountain, grandfather of Brandon Peterson, dedicated the parade to Brandon. The Waveland Civic Association Christmas parade is Brandon's favorite parade. Three weeks before the parade Brandon was accidentally

burned by hot cooking oil on the left side of his body while staying with his family in their FEMA trailer.

Like Brandon, many folks young and old enjoy the Waveland Civic Association parades. This recent

parade was especially appreciated due to the need for some Christmas spirit. From what I observed, there was a lot of Christmas spirit that day. Area children enjoyed their visit with Santa following the parade where each visitor received a gift. Even the adults received gifts. I personally left this event filled with Christmas spirit and a renewed sense of enthusiasm. So thanks again guys, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
Claire Dennis  
Bay St. Louis

## Minor -- black &amp; white

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a half years later, in the landmark Supreme Court's Alexander ruling, 34 Mississippi school districts were ordered to begin massive mid-year integration of their schools. South Pike, considered by the Justice Department to already be in compliance, was not one of them.)

Under his plan, white students from all-white South Pike High School were bused for part of each day to all-black Eva Gordon High. Gradually, athletics were merged and both white and black students graduated together in a joint ceremony.

"What we did was a lot more peaceful than it would have been if we did nothing," Frye says, adding: "I wasn't promoting integration, I was trying to hold the public schools together."

However, the Ku Klux Klan saw it differently and Frye became a target.

Kluxmen tried to burn a cross in front of his house, but like the thief who couldn't shoot straight, the cross was fired off in front of the wrong house, much to the dismay of the dentist who lived there.

As a student at Millsaps College in Jackson after World War II began, Frye faced being drafted. With 20 other Millsaps students, he marched down to the Army recruiting office in 1943 and volunteered.

A year later, he had a commission and was assigned to the 26th Infantry division. Before being shipped off to France not long after D-Day he married his college sweetheart, Helen.

Frye shrugs off talking about it, but at Christmastime of 1944, he came through the Battle of the Bulge in the snow-packed Ardennes forest when the Germans launched their last des-

perate offensive of the war. "We were a lot younger then, weren't we?" is his only comment.

Out of the army and back in Mississippi, he was stricken with polio in 1945. He survived the then-dreaded paralyzing disease, but it left him struggling to relearn how to walk with braces and crutches.

Despite his handicap, and with a new determination to help others, Frye was accepted at Tulane Medical School where he made good grades and befriended Dr. Alton Ochsner, the noted anti-smoking pioneer.

For no particular reason except the town's charm, the Fries settled in Magnolia in 1952 where he opened his medical practice. Within a few years, he and a partner bought Beacham Memorial, the 37-bed rural (now non-profit)

hospital he has helped keep alive for 50 years, sometimes tiding it over with out-of-pocket loans.

The small hospital and Frye's adjacent four-doctor clinic went full-blast after Katrina scattered dozens of evacuees around their area from nearby Louisiana. Included were 50 elderly residents of a Chalmette nursing home who with their nurses were housed in a large Baptist church just down the road from Magnolia.

Frye and his three cohorts ("they did most of the work") looked after medical needs of evacuees, many of whom had fled without their medications. "We were able to figure out what medicines they needed," Frye says.

So the good country doctor keeps making his rounds, and most of all, dispensing a heavy dose of compassion.

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## DMR announces art contest winner

## THE ECHO

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has announced the winners of the "Preserving and Enjoying Mississippi's Coastal Resources" 2006 Marine Information Calendar art contest.

In an effort to generate an interest in and promote the awareness of the value of our coastal resources, the DMR held an art contest for third- and fourth-grade students in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties. Students were asked to create artwork illustrating the contest theme: "Preserving and Enjoying Mississippi's Coastal Resources." The winning artwork appears in the 2006 calendar.

"This year's DMR Marine Information Calendar features the artwork of third- and fourth-graders all along the Mississippi Gulf Coast," said DMR Executive Director William Walker.

"In spite of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, more than 340 students from 21 schools mailed in art contest entries, showing their continued interest in and dedication to the preservation and enjoyment of our coastal resources."

Winners of the calendar art contest are:

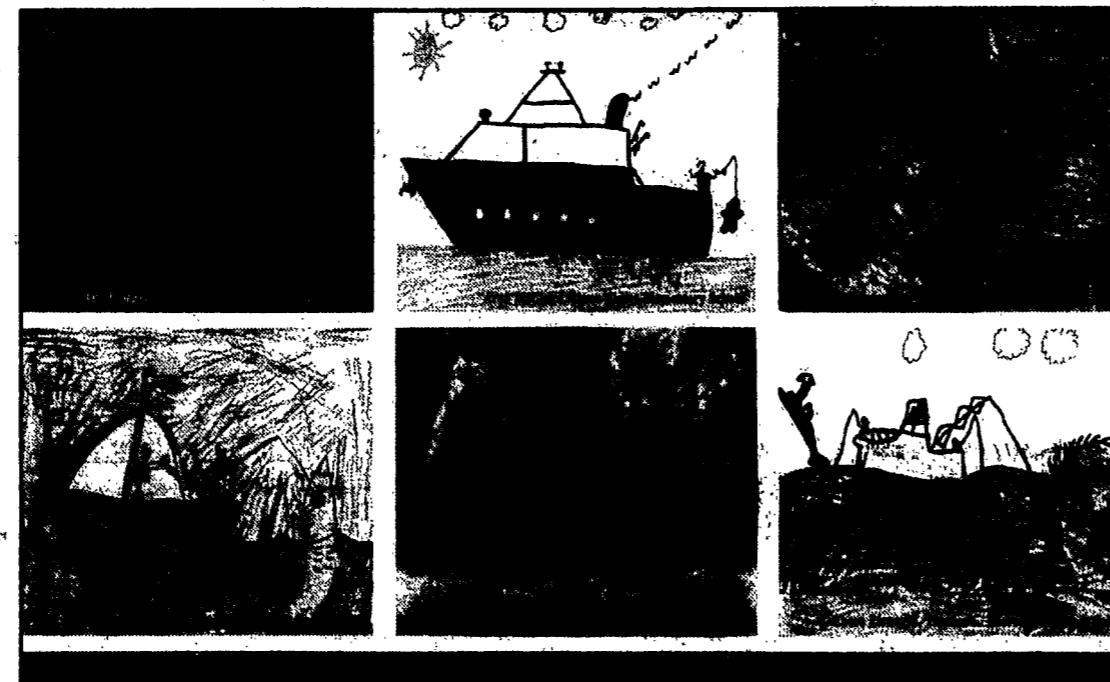
- The artwork of Hannah Lake of Coast Episcopal School is featured for the month of January.

- The artwork of Emma Holland of Coast Episcopal School is featured for the month of February.

- The artwork of Daniel Mooney of Anniston Avenue Elementary School is featured for the month of March.

- The artwork of Reed Riley of Coast Episcopal School is featured for the month of April.

- The artwork of Aricelia Arcadia of Pecan Park Elementary



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School is featured for the month of May.

- The artwork of Antonio Lepoma of Vancleave Upper Elementary School is featured for the month of June.

- The artwork of Mary Kathryn O'Connor of Coast Episcopal School is featured for the month of July.

- The artwork of Sarah Jenne of East Central

Upper Elementary School is featured for the month of August.

- The artwork of Madilyn Holden of East Central Upper Elementary School is featured for the month of September.

- The artwork of Dillon McBride of Thomas L. Reeves Elementary School is featured for the month of October.

The artwork of C.J. Perry of Resurrection Catholic Elementary School is featured for the month of November.

- The artwork of Maggie S. Russell of Bayou View Elementary School is featured for the month of December.

- The artwork of Trevor Watts of Coast Episcopal School appears on the calendar's front cover.

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## Layoffs

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Lukens said that the United States Department of Labor, under the federal Workforce Investment Act, has granted the state of Mississippi a National Emergency Grant in the amount of \$50 million. This money is to provide temporary jobs to public service employees. The money can be used for departments to hire additional employees, or if the county chose to lay off their employees. The grant would provide the employees their same job and pay, and the county would no longer be responsible for the payment of wages, workers compensation, and other benefits. The program would pay up to \$12,000 dollars for six months, and possibly \$24,000 dollars for a year. No employee would lose their job, but benefits would not be covered under the proposal.

"We are aware that the bottom six counties are basically out of money," Lukens said. "If you choose to layoff your employees, then we would step in and put these people on the payroll of Twin Districts Workforce Area. The work site would remain the same, but the county would have to supervise. It's not a perfect option, but it's the next best thing."

Lukens said that George County and the City of Waveland have already accepted the proposal for some of their employees.

Although the proposal would save millions for the county, it was met with mixed emotions by the Board of Supervisors.

"We need to buy some

time here," board member Steve Seymour said. "Our employees have too much on their minds right now, and this is bad timing. If we have to sit outside the steps of Washington then that is what we may have to do."

"I think this should be a last resort," said board member Jay Cuevas.

Board chairman Rocky Pullman said that the county is facing a possible shortfall of four million dollars this year, and that tough decisions cannot be ignored.

"First off, we don't want to lay anyone off," Pullman said. "These tough decisions need to be made together so that everyone is treated fairly in the county. Our estimate is around four million short for this year, and next year may be three or four times higher. Our tax base has been destroyed, and if we

want the federal government to help us then we need to show them that we have tried to do everything we can to reduce our own budget."

Supervisor Lisa Coward questioned why the money had to go through a temporary service, and not straight to the county.

"It boggles my mind that they would bring a third party in during a time of emergency. Why can't the government just waive the money directly to the county," Coward said.

Among the chief concerns of department heads and the board was what the county would do about employee insurance and state retirement. The county estimates that only about half of it's

employees are receiving insurance benefits, but nearly all employees are under the state PERS retirement system.

Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar explained at last week's meeting that if an employee works the first 15 days and last 15 days of the quarter, the employee is still eligible for that quarter in the retirement system.

Several ideas were discussed about the insurance question, including the county paying the employee's insurance in advance for six months, raising the salary of the employee so that the employee can pay their own insurance, or letting the employee go on the CORBA insurance plan.

"I think the insurance and benefits is what draws people to work for the county," Seymour said. "This does not need to be our first option, we need to see how we stand and then look at options."

Kellar explained that all of the options that the county are presented with need to be carefully examined.

"There has never been a public entity go bankrupt after there has been a presidential disaster declaration, but if we don't look at the options then we may be the first," Kellar said.

The board took no action on the proposal, but agreed to revisit the idea at a later time.



Echo staff photo by Jace Ponder

## Good will for Waveland leads to 'Project Santa'

BY JACE PONDER  
Staff Writer

In the aftermath of Katrina, people from across the nation and world have donated tons of supplies to Hancock County and other affected areas. As Christmas approached more and more donations were toys and presents for children.

The toys quickly filled the City of Waveland's storage space. And they continued pouring in. The city was faced with the problem of being swamped with Christmas gifts. Kathy Pinn saw the

difficulties developing, no storage and no staging area for distribution. With the help of Joan Coleman, she started Project Santa, whose goals were to keep things organized and ensure every child has a Christmas.

Before Thanksgiving, they sent out over 3,000 Dear Santa letters to Waveland residents.

Each letter contained a form how many people were in the family, what they wanted, and space for a Katrina survival story.

Once the letters are

returned, Pinn and Coleman sort them and match them with adopting families nationwide.

The families then coordinate how the presents would be delivered. The majority of the applications have already been processed and the presents delivered.

Project Santa has had such an overwhelming response that Pinn started the Waveland Citizens Fund.

The Fund is applying for non-profit status and will provide future Christmas for families in Waveland.

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## Relief

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owners who did not have flood insurance because they were not in flood hazard areas according to the federal flood maps.

"I encourage homeowners to gather documentation of the pre-Katrina value of their homes, estimates of their losses from the hurricane, and any insurance payments they have received," Taylor said. "The state would like to keep the administrative

costs as low as possible, but will have to make sure that the payments are based on damages."

Most of the disaster funds, almost \$24 billion, had been previously appropriated to FEMA but were not expected to be spent for several months. The Bush Administration determined that FEMA would not need \$17 billion of those funds until after May.

The President asked Congress to reallocate those funds for disaster needs of other federal agencies and programs. Sen. Cochran requested an additional \$18 billion in Katrina relief with the full support of the Mississippi delegation. The final package included \$12 billion of the \$18 billion that Cochran requested.

## Mobile Medical



CJ Jones, director of Voice of Calvary Family Health Center, and Joe Dawsey, executive director of Coastal Family Health Center, show off the new mobile medical unit provided by Voice of Calvary of Jackson. Funding for the donated mobile unit was provided by Modesto Rotary Club in California. "With the ModMed unit, Coastal can provide continuity of service," Jones said. It will provide a place for doctors to work and patients a place to go. The new unit is located in Hancock Square by Hancock Medical Center. According to Dawsey, Coastal will be equipped to see patients on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

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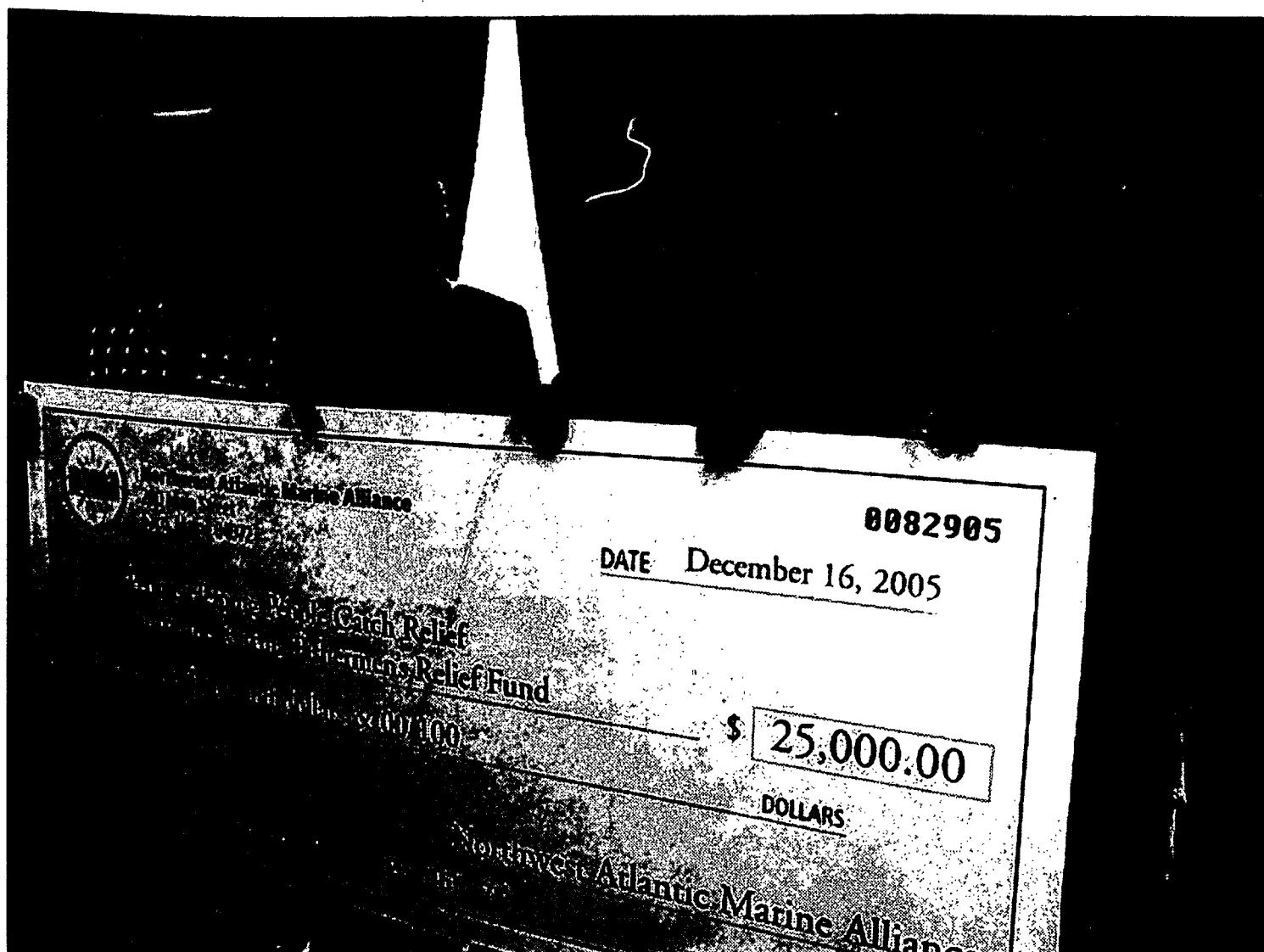


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Craig Pendleton, far left, coordinating director of the Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance (NAMA), a fisheries group from Saco, Maine, presents a check for \$25,000 to DMR Executive Director William Walker, second from left, Dec. 16 at a special ceremony held at Gulf Coast Community Federal Credit Union on Highway 49 in Gulfport. The donation will be distributed to 25 Mississippi commercial fishermen who were particularly hard hit by Hurricane Katrina. Also pictured are Mike Crocker, far right, NAMA's communications director, and DMR Assistant Fisheries Director Joe Jewell.

## Fisheries group lends a hand to state's commercial fishermen

### THE ECHO

Christmas came early for a group of Mississippi commercial fishermen who were particularly hard hit by Hurricane Katrina. The Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance (NAMA), a fisheries group from Saco, Maine, donated \$25,000 to Mississippi commercial fishermen devastated by the storm. NAMA representatives presented the donation to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Dec. 16 at a special ceremony held at Gulf Coast Community Federal Credit Union on Hwy. 49 in Gulfport. The DMR will distribute the 25 checks to fishing families throughout the Mississippi Gulf Coast who have been hardest hit by the storm.

"Many of these families lost everything —

their fishing boats, their homes, and their livelihoods. Considering the holiday season, we think it's fitting to provide small grants to families so that they can buy presents, dinners, meet mortgage payments, make repairs, and other things that will bring a small sense of normalcy during this difficult time," said Craig Pendleton, NAMA's coordinating director.

Shortly after Hurricane Katrina hit, NAMA organized some 18 fisheries organizations from across the country to raise money for Gulf Coast fishing communities affected by Hurricane Katrina. NAMA collaborated with the DMR to identify especially deserving commercial fishermen in Mississippi who were severely impacted by the storm.

"I want to personally thank the Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance for its generosity toward our Mississippi commercial fishermen," said DMR Executive Director William Walker. "These checks will be of great help to these recipients so devastated by Hurricane Katrina."

NAMA is a non-profit alliance of fishermen, scientists and others dedicated to restoring and enhancing an enduring northwest Atlantic marine system.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at [www.dmr.state.ms.us](http://www.dmr.state.ms.us).

## Free replacement diplomas offered to Katrina Victims

University of Mississippi graduates whose diplomas were lost in Hurricane Katrina are being offered free replacements by the university.

Chancellor Robert Khayat formally announced the effort to replace the documents after learning that several requests for them had already been received from alumni in the hurricane-devastated counties who had lost their personal belongings.

"It seemed appropriate for the university to develop a process by which diplomas can be replaced without cost to the graduates," Khayat said. Vice Chancellor for University Relations

Gloria Kellum, Provost Carolyn Staton and Registrar Charlotte Fant are coordinating the program and its publicity.

Alumni making requests should contact Sandra Kennedy, graduation assistant, at 662-915-5070 or at [skennedy@olemiss.edu](mailto:skennedy@olemiss.edu). When submitting a request, include your (the student's) full name, mailing address, degree(s) received and year(s) of graduation. When making a written request, information should be mailed to Sandra Kennedy, Registrar's Office, University of Mississippi, P.O. Box 1848, University, MS 38677.

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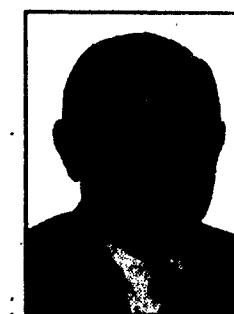
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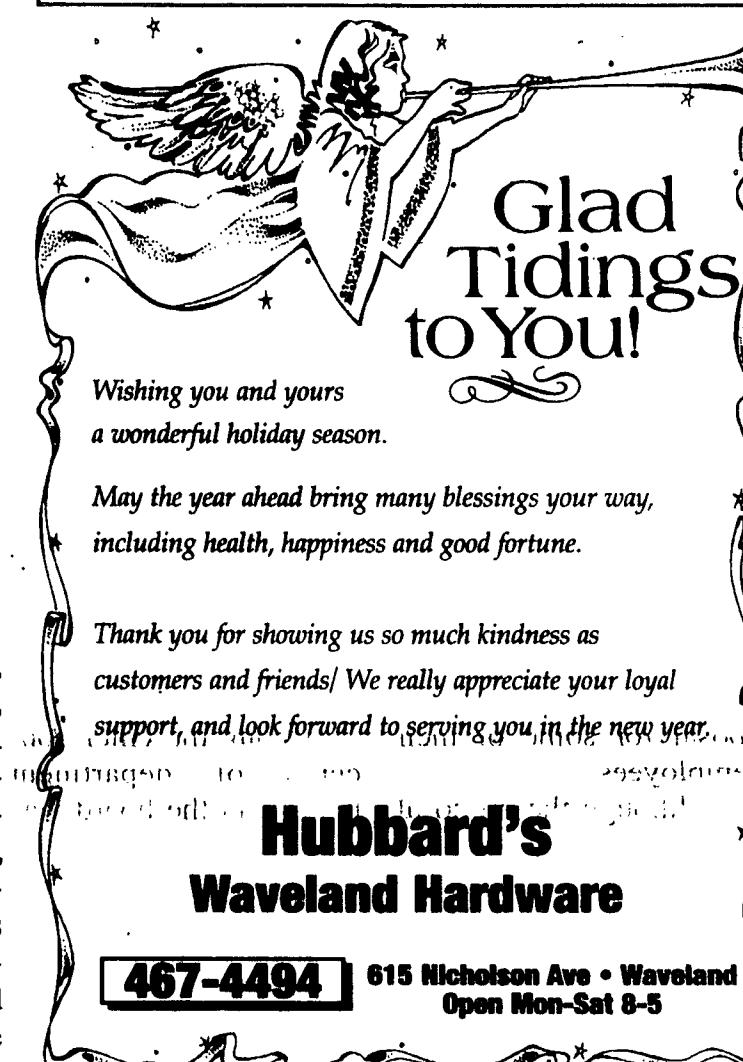
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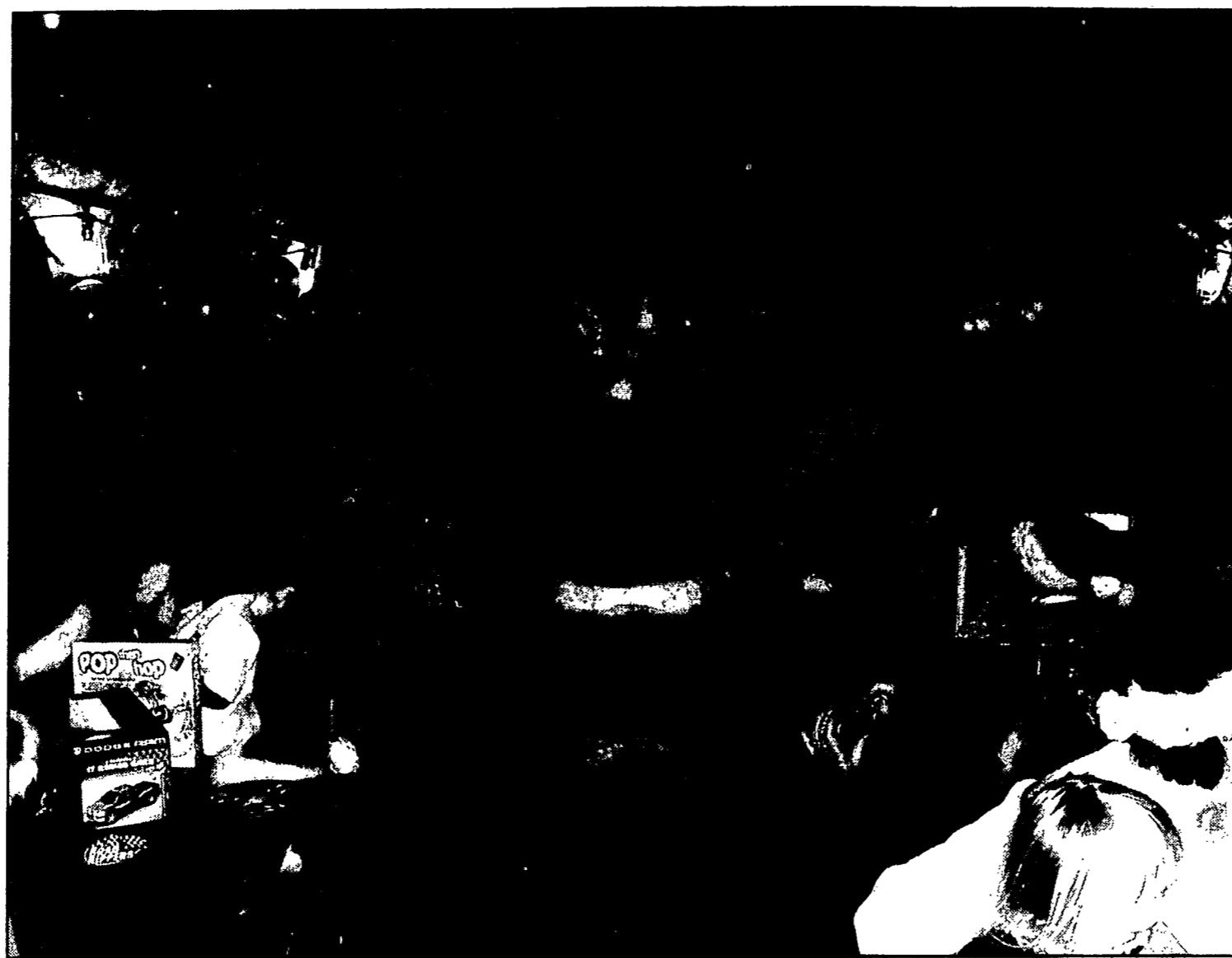
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# St. Nick at St. Clare



Volunteers from WaWa – a convenience store corporation with outlets in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware – bring Christmas to St. Clare Elementary School in Waveland.

## A Christmas 'Wow!'

### THE ECHO

Every day since Hurricane Katrina destroyed their school the students of St. Clare School in Waveland have faced new "challengers" each day, but on Wednesday December 14th something different happened.

Students and faculty were "wowed" when WaWa, a convenience store corporation, put on the Christmas party of the century for them. WaWa is based in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. They believe in strong family values and in being good neighbors.

Area Manager Joe Bendas, who oversees 15 area stores says "Being a good neighbors doesn't mean just to the people who live next to you, we are all neighbors and we came down to help", and help they did!

WaWa employees gave up their time at their jobs, time with their families and their personal

time to come down to the Gulf Coast to help those in need.

They started out with St. Mary's in Biloxi and then made their way to Waveland.

WaWa is 203 year old company. These men and women have come down 7 to 8 days every month starting in October and have promised to continue after the holidays till the job is done.

Joe Bendas states, "We're in this for the long haul, to help as long as we're needed."

These magical elves set up a party that would have rivaled any Hollywood bash. There were balloons, red and

green tablecloths, cookies, bingo games, sonic lunches for all and the piece de resistance, a visit from Santa with a personal gift for each child.

WaWa filled to the top of the Quonset hut toys, toys and more toys. Parents were allowed to come in and shop for all their children at no charge.

Thanks to WaWa and the Nottingham Fire Dept. in Hamilton, NJ their will be many happy children when Santa comes to call.

Many parents left with smiles, thanks and tears in their eyes as they could now actually have Christmas in their trailer.

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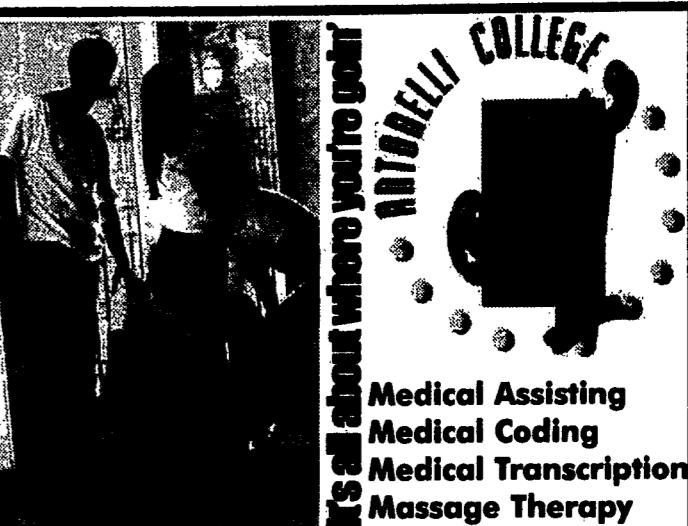
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$2,602,036</b>	<b>\$2,673,492</b>

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CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 36,358	\$ 51,493
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,077,852	\$1,084,932
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>		
CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL	\$ 877,209	\$ 887,210
FUND BALANCE	636,975	701,350
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$1,524,184</b>	<b>\$1,588,560</b>
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The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Sports

## Rocks win debut; Hawks chomp Gators

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II  
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws (1-0) started their 2005-06 basketball season in impressive fashion. SSC defeated St. John in the annual War on the Shore 74-38 on Saturday, December 17th.

The annual one-day of basketball is normally held at SSC; however, the destruction from Hurricane Katrina forced the event to Gulfport High School's Bert Jenkins Gymnasium.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "With everything that we all have been through these last few months, it was a victory for us to just step onto the court. It was

very important for us to be successful tonight. I am very proud of the way that they played. We have a small number on the roster this year which includes three 9th graders, four 10th graders and four seniors.

Also, we are very grateful to coach Danny Grieves, the Gulfport basketball program and the Gulfport School District for stepping up and helping us put this event on. Without them, the event surely would have been cancelled for

this year."

The Rocks jumped out to a 17-8 lead in the first period and never looked back. By halftime, the score was 38-21.

SSC was led by five players in double figures. Brandon Butler led all scorers with 17 points followed by Mike Rice with 15 points and Josh Morgan with 13 points. Rick Dubuisson and Brian Rice both added 11 points each.

The D'Iberville Lady Warriors defeated the Lady Admirals of Gulfport 40-37 while the Lady Indians of Biloxi defeated the Lady Pirates of Pass Christian 54-40.

Warren Central nipped Harrison Central 73-71 in the final girls game of the day.

Pascagoula routed Biloxi 74-58 and Pass Christian lost to Warren Central 73-51. Gulfport defeated the Bay High Tigers 85-46 in the game preceding the Rocks.

Gulfport head coach Danny Grieves commented, "This was a great day of basketball. The community needed and the kids needed it. This was also a great way for St. Stanislaus to start their basketball season. Jay Ladner and I are very good friends and when it was obvious that the War

on the Shore was in danger of being cancelled, we knew that we had to step up and help out. It was a win-win situation for both schools. SSC needed to have it and we had the facilities to put the event on."

The Rock-a-chaws will be off until December 28th when they play Harrison Central in the Gulfport Admirals' Holiday Classic.

The Hancock Hawks swept a pair of games from the visiting Gautier Gators on Monday, December 19th in Kiln. The Lady Hawks dismantled the Lady Gators 75-18 while the Hawks needed a buzzer-beater from Jonathan Moran to claim a 43-41 victory.

The Lady Hawks jumped out to a 24-2 lead in the first period and cruised to the victory. Hancock head coach Pam Slayton commented, "Everyone got involved tonight. We did a very good job of getting a good start in the game. We challenged the team to do better starting the game and they did that tonight. All 11 players played and scored, and they are very good and well-coached. We want to press tonight on defense to generate some offense.

team. We had a strong combination of passing and scoring on the inside tonight which was a plus for us."

The Lady Hawks (12-3) had four players in double figures led by Jordyn Meranto and Courtney Moran with 12 points each. Emma Craft scored 11 while Courtney Lacoste added 10 points.

In the boys game, the Hawks (5-6) led by as much as 14 points in the third period only to see the Gators battle back behind the play of Julius Blanks to tie the game at 36-36 with 2:31 left in the game.

The Gators took a slim one-point lead 41-40 on an old-fashioned three-point play by Blanks with :10 left to play. Drew Malley drove the length of the floor and dished to an open Jonathan Moran who nailed a three-pointer with :01 left on the clock for the win.

Hancock head coach Michael Ladner stated, "I am happy we won the game as we head into the Christmas break. Gautier is a difficult team for us to defend because they are very good and well-coached. We want to

press tonight on defense to generate some offense. Brent Robinson led the way with 11 points followed by Jason Sims with 11 points and 8 boards.

The Pass Christian Pirates defeated the Poplarville Hornets 72-

59 on Friday evening. Willie Brownlee led the Pirates with 16 points followed by Mason Brown and Reggie McIntosh with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

In high school soccer action on Friday night, the Indians of Biloxi swept the Hawks of Hancock. In girls action, the Lady Indians shutout the Lady Hawks 10-0 while the Indians defeated Hancock 7-1 in boys action.

The Lady Pirates of Pass Christian (4-1-1, 1-1) defeated the Lady Blue Devils of Pearl River Central 3-2 behind Cory Magee's two goals. Jennifer Jones added the other goal.

The Bay High Tigers remained undefeated at 4-0-1 and 3-0 in the division with a 4-3 victory over Picayune. Colby Adam, Buddy Dorn, Kyle Moran and Marcello DeSousa all scored for Bay High.

On Thursday evening, the Rock-a-chaws of SSC upped their division record to 2-1 with a 5-3 win over the Long Beach Bearcats.

Henderson Hewes scored twice for SSC followed by Donnie Renz. Britt Breland and Cameron Bosley all with one goal.

## Bay High undefeated after district play at Picayune, HC

### BAY HIGH AT PICAYUNE 4-3

On December 16, Bay High traveled to Picayune to play its third district game of the season.

Picayune scored first early but Bay High bounced back to tie it up after Ricky Maneri

crossed the ball to Colby Adam for his second goal of the season.

Bubba Dorn gave Bay High the halftime lead with a direct kick from outside the box.

Kyle Moran added another goal for Bay High in the second half on a shot from 25 yards out. Picayune scored

another to make it 3-2. Bay High responded with Marcello DeSousa scoring on a cross by Ricky Maneri. Picayune added another goal late to make the final score 4-3. Bay high is now 4-0-1 and 3-0-0 in district.

### BAY HIGH AT HARRISON CENTRAL

On December 19, Bay High travelled to Harrison Central to do battle in a non-district match.

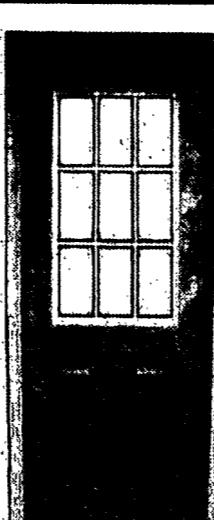
Colby Adam scored the only goal of the first half on a long ball by Jordan Hubbard. Adam has scored in three straight games.

Harrison Central tied the game early in the second half. Both sides fought game ended tied, 1-1.

Bay High stays undefeated at 4-0-2 and 3-0-0 in district play.

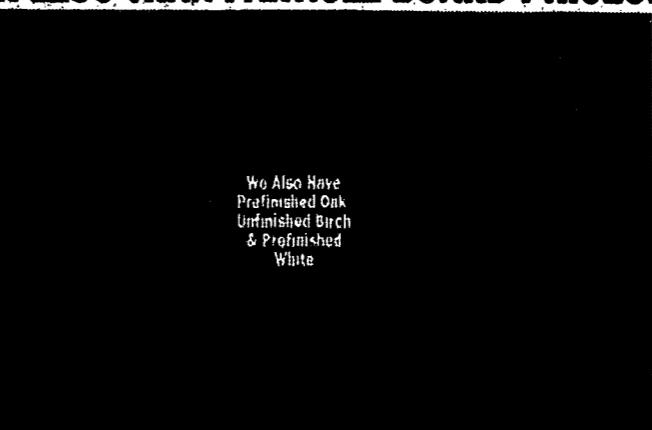
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## Obituaries

**ALICE BURNETT**  
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**ALICE BURNETT**  
Alice Burnett, 68 of Picayune, MS, died Wednesday, December 14, 2005, in Picayune, MS.

She was a native of Utica, MS. She was a member of St. Matthew Missionary Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Payton Burnett, Sr.; 3 step-sons, Elous, Payton Jr., and James Burnett; brother Water Braggs; sister Della Braggs.

She is survived by 5 step-sons - Delous Burnett, Bishop Wardell Burnett, Lonzo "L.S." Burnett all of Picayune, MS, Louther Burnett of Bologusa, LA, and Bobby Burnett of Montgomery, AL; 2 step-daughters Pearlene Cousin of Joliet, IL, and Alberta Millage of Montgomery, AL; brother Willie Braggs of Jackson, MS; 2 sisters Lena Braggs of Kankakee, IL, and Katie Braggs of Denver, CO; 15 step-grandchildren and a host of step-great grandchildren.

Visitation was held Tuesday, December 20, 2005 from 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. funeral services at St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, Picayune, MS. Burial followed at Picayune Cemetery.

**DANIEL MITCHELL**  
Daniel "Danny" William Mitchell, 58, of Pearlington, MS died on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, at Picayune Memorial Hospital.

He is preceded in death by his father, Russell W. Mitchell and a son, D.J. Mitchell.

Survived by his wife, Syble Rivers Mitchell; a son, William Mitchell; a daughter-in-law, Tracey Mitchell; three grandchildren, Jonathan, Daniel and Michael Mitchell; mother, Florine Anen; stepfather, George Allen; a sister, Diane Ritter; a step-sister, Terri Blake; two step-brothers, Mark and Gary Anen; niece, Wendy Dawsey and a nephew, Travis Ritter.

Visitation was on Monday, December 19, 2005 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Tuesday after 9 a.m. until funeral time. Relatives and friends of the family were invited to attend the Funeral Services at Honaker Funeral Home, 1751 Gause Blvd. West (in Forest Lawn Cemetery), Slidell, LA on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at 11 a.m. Interment in the Logtown Cemetery, Logtown, MS.

Arrangements by Honaker Funeral Home, Inc., Slidell, LA.

## SBA hurricane loans surpass \$1.5 billion; \$500M okayed in two weeks

### THE ECHO

More than \$1.56 billion in U.S. Small Business Administration disaster assistance loans have been approved for almost 23,000 residents and business owners affected by the devastating hurricanes that struck earlier this year. Loan approvals are averaging approximately \$37 million per day in December, with \$500 million approved in two weeks time.

"The steps we have taken thus far to enhance our loan processing capabilities are beginning to pay off, and the SBA is approving disaster loans at a near-record pace, despite the substantial hurdles caused by the damage and dislocation of these storms," said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto.

"While maintaining our responsibility to the taxpayer, we have reached the \$1.5 billion mark four months faster than we did after the Florida hurricanes of 2004," Barreto said.

"I have recently returned from my fifth trip to the Gulf Coast, and I can tell you that our people in the Gulf Coast areas are working tirelessly, with the greatest dedication and compassion to help those affected by this terrible disaster," Barreto said.

Barreto noted that only three previous disasters in history led to more than \$1 billion in SBA loans: the Northridge earthquake in 1994; the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and the multiple hurricanes that struck Florida last year.

"The number of SBA staff devoted to responding to disasters has more than quadrupled, from 880 before Katrina struck to nearly 4,000 today," Barreto said. "And they are processing loans for the people of the Gulf Coast just as fast as they can. They have processed more than 119,000 applications and performed almost 118,000 site inspections - a normal year's worth in just three months."

The SBA has taken a number of steps to accelerate loan-processing and expand loan-processing capacity:

- Streamlining documentation for all business loans
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"As a team, we are proud of the work we have done to provide temporary housing in Mississippi," said Andy Phelps, BNI's program manager.

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Stennis Space Center night classes, which will be taught at the Center of Higher Learning, include Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, English Composition I, and General Psychology I.

For information or a complete schedule of classes check out the PRCC website at [www.prcc.edu](http://www.prcc.edu) or phone (601) 403-1214.

Katrina." Bechtel's work on FEMA's disaster relief efforts is employing nearly 3,000 people, mostly from Mississippi and other Gulf states. To date, 50 percent of Bechtel's subcontracts have been awarded to firms in Mississippi and 62 percent to firms in the Gulf region. Nearly 84 percent of all Bechtel subcontracts have been awarded to small businesses.

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## Registration dates set for Spring at PRCC

Orientation and registration for new students attending Pearl River Community College during the 2006 spring semester will be held Jan. 5-6 on the Poplarville campus.

All students who have not attended PRCC must attend the orientation session at 8:30 a.m. either day. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Students who will attend the Forrest County Center in Hattiesburg will register from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 3-4, in the multi-purpose building.

Hancock County registration is 2-6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 2, at the Hancock Center in Waveland.

Day and night classes begin Monday, Jan. 9. The spring semester ends May 11.

Night classes offered in Columbia include Legal Environment of Business, Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, Music

Appreciation, and College Success Skills.

Picayune night classes include World Literature I, World Civilization II, Music Appreciation, Real Number System, and Intermediate Algebra.

Hancock Center night classes include World Civilization I & II, College & Intermediate Algebra, Developmental Mathematics and English II, English Composition I, General Psychology I, Oral Communication, New Testament Survey, Nutrition, Introduction to Business, and Human Growth & Development.

Stennis Space Center night classes, which will be taught at the Center of Higher Learning, include Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, English Composition I, and General Psychology I.

For information or a complete schedule of classes check out the PRCC website at [www.prcc.edu](http://www.prcc.edu) or phone (601) 403-1214.

## PERS adjusts payments

The Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) made Annual Benefit Adjustment payments to 53,110 retirees and beneficiaries during December for the current fiscal year. The payments total \$197,145,289, with more than 90 percent of the payments going to Mississippi residents, providing an economic boost to the state and its communities.

Payments were made to 51,633 PERS benefit recipients, 504 Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System benefit recipients, 98 Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan benefit recipients and 875 benefit recipients of Municipal

Retirement Systems in 10 cities. Benefits were transmitted December 15 to retirees who receive their benefits by direct deposit, and were mailed December 14 for retirees who do not have direct deposit. Retirees have the option of receiving the Annual Adjustment in a lump sum each December or in monthly installments throughout the PERS' fiscal year (July-June).

Retirees who chose monthly installments did not receive a December payment.

To be eligible for an Annual Benefit Adjustment this fiscal year, a retiree must have begun receiving benefits no later than July 1, 2004.

## The Bridges re-opens

The Bridges Golf Course at Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis has reopened and is offering a recovery rate of \$35 Wednesday thru

Monday. The golf course is closed on Tuesdays. To make times, please call 1-800-5Magic5

# Santa's Helpers



Last weekend, three generations of the Marguile family from Louisiana were busy delivering Christmas presents to neighborhoods in the Waveland area. Brandi Weaver, left, six year old Bailey Melancon, Carol Marguile and Marlene Jeruntine, with the help of the Bayou Gauche Volunteer Fire Department, collected the presents, and then delivered them in person wherever they found FEMA trailers and children. "It's just our way of giving back," Brandi stated. "We wanted to do something to help the children have a better Christmas. We had some hurricane damage where we live, but it's so much worse over here."

## PRCC'S ADN program graduates 37

### THE ECHO

Thirty-seven graduates from Pearl River Community College's Associate Degree Nursing Program marched into Malone Chapel on the Poplarville campus this December wearing their white uniforms for the first time as graduate nurses. The graduating students participated in a traditional name tag pinning ceremony, lighted their Nightingale Lamps, and recited the Nightingale Nursing Pledge.

ADN graduate Martha Berrigan of Poplarville gave the graduating class speech. Berrigan congratulated her fellow students on their achievement and thanked the nursing instructors. "We have worked very, very, very hard to make it to this graduation, and we are ready to begin our careers as nurses."

Nursing graduates Liz Mushko of Carriere gave the invocation, Anna Seals of Lumberton gave the benediction, and Kim Dwyer of Picayune led the Nightingale Pledge. Associate Degree Nursing Director Peggy Dease, Sophomore Nursing Coordinator Belinda Holden, and Freshman Nursing Coordinator Patricia Streck presented the students official name pins.

Dease told the students that they had persevered and survived. "I call this class my Katrina babies. You have survived two difficult ordeals—a natural disaster and the last semester of nursing school. You have persevered, endured and sur-



Associate Degree Nursing Director Peggy Dease pins Diane C. Mills of Klin with her official name tag during the Pearl River Community College Associate Degree Nursing graduation.

vived, but even without any interference from mother nature, you all deserve these pins."

The graduates (by hometown) include:

ANGIE, LA – Dawn M. Fuller.  
FRANKLINTON, LA – Lelan Wm. Henley.  
SLIDELL, LA – Sharon N. Panks.  
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Mushko, Brandy K. Singer.  
COLUMBIA – Amanda A. Hitt, Lacey M. McDonald, Anita K. Stringer.  
HATTIESBURG – Samantha L. Hennis, Pamela S. Manuel, Amy M. Reesor, Dawn L. Reid.  
KILN – Diane C. Mills.  
LUMBERTON – April K. Holder, Jeffrey W. Rayborn, Anna L. Seals.  
NECAISE – Brandon Ladner.  
PETAL – Sarah R. Whitfield.

PAGE, Jay L. Temple.  
PICAYUNE – William L. Brooks, Jr., Kimberly S. Dwyer, C. Mark Hampton, Elia Hickman, Jamie Luquet, R. Ashley Moore, Jessica A. Pigott, Scott K. Weaver.

POPLARVILLE – Martha J. Berrigan, Natalie J. Harel, Stephanie A. Sheppard.

PRENTISS – L. Brooke Jones.

PURVIS – Melissa K. Richard.

SUMRALL – J. Ryan Whitfield.

## FEMA says save receipts for expenses

### THE ECHO

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) would like to remind Hurricane Katrina survivors to save all receipts for housing related and other miscellaneous purchases if applying for Individual Assistance programs.

Individuals, families and businesses in Mississippi whose property has been damaged or destroyed and whose losses are not covered by insurance may be eligible to receive cash grants of up to \$26,200 per individual or household. When state and federal officials inspect a victim's property for damages, providing receipts will help make an accurate determination of losses and ability to evaluate their eligibility.

"Providing receipts is one of the key steps disaster victim can take to help themselves qualify for available grant funds," stated Nick Russo, federal coordinating officer in charge of the Mississippi recovery effort. The FEMA Individuals and Households Program (IHP) is intended for one of the following uses only: housing repairs, temporary housing, or other needs assistance

including personal property. Some examples of assistance provided by the IHP program are:

Housing Assistance  
- Home repair cash grant  
- Permanent housing construction (in rare circumstances)  
- Lodging expenses reimbursement (for a hotel or motel)

- Rental assistance (cash payment for a temporary rental unit or a manufactured home)

Other needs assistance  
- Medical, dental, funeral costs  
- Transportation costs  
- Other disaster-related needs

Another important reminder for disaster victims is to take photographs of damaged property before it is repaired. After completing the work, applicants should then keep their receipts for three years.

For more information about how to complete the loan application, or for more information on SBA assistance, call the SBA Helpline at 800-659-2955, or visit [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster). For more information on FEMA assistance programs, or to register for FEMA assistance, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the speech and hearing impaired.

### Group site trailers available now

Families and individuals waiting for FEMA trailers to be placed on their private property are also eligible to move into trailers located at Emergency Group (EG) sites. If you choose to move into an EG site, and your private property qualifies as a FEMA approved location, your EG site residency will not prevent you from receiving a FEMA trailer on your private property at a later date. If you have been identified as a priority on the trailer waiting list and choose to accept an EG site trailer, you will be moved to the non-priority waiting list for receiving a trailer on your property. If you are interested in moving into a trailer at an EG site, please call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).



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#### NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN:

Let it be known that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Waveland have changed their regularly scheduled meeting from **Tuesday, January 3, 2006, 6:30 p.m.** at the City of Waveland Municipal Complex, corner of Central and Coleman Avenues, Building #9 (Board Room) to **Thursday, January 5, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.** The second January 2006 Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the same location, Building #9, mentioned above.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
JAMES BRITTON

PLAINTIFF VERSUS AMERICAN LEGION POST 058, and John Does 1, 2 & 3, and X,Y,Z Corporations

DEFENDANT CAUSE NO.: C2301-05-821(1) SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: AMERICAN LEGION POST 058

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by JAMES BRITTON, Plaintiff, seeking to obtain an annulment of lease agreement.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Zach Butterworth, Attorney for Plaintiff, of the firm HESSE & BUTTERWORTH, whose post office address is Post Office Drawer 220, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520, and whose street address is 141 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi.

YOUR RESPONSES MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 8 DAY DECEMBER, 2005, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 2 day of December, 2005.

(SEAL)  
TIM KELLAR,  
Hancock County Chancery Clerk  
By: D.L. Lee D.C.  
Prepared by:  
ZACH BUTTERWORTH  
(MS Bar # 9946)  
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PLAINTIFF VERSUS AMERICAN LEGION POST 058, and John Does 1, 2 & 3, and X,Y,Z Corporations

DEFENDANT CAUSE NO. C2301-05-821(1)

COMPLAINT TO ANNUAL LEASE AGREEMENT

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, James Britton, who is an adult resident citizen of Hancock County, Mississippi, whose permanent home address is 2521 Highway 53, Perkinston, Mississippi, and files this his Complaint to Annual Lease Agreement and would show unto this Honorable Court the following to-wit:

I. That the Defendant is American Legion Post 058, believed to be an unincor-

porated association located in Hancock County, Mississippi.

II. That on or about October 1, 1990, the said Plaintiff herein, James Britton, did enter into a lease agreement, together with his wife, Jonnie Britton, who is now deceased and Billy C. Anderson, his brother-in-law, to lease a certain piece of real property all as per the Lease Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", to the American Legion Post 58.

III. That at all times, the Plaintiff herein believed that the American Legion Post 58 was a corporation or legal entity and in good faith entered into the attached lease agreement.

IV. Additionally, at the time of the lease agreement, Plaintiff's wife was alive and she is now deceased as of 1998 and his brother-in-law at the time believed that he might have an interest in the property, but has since been determined that he had no actual legal interest in the property and that the property herein is owned solely by your Plaintiff herein, James Britton.

V. The intent of the lease agreement was that the American Legion Post 58 would sponsor and maintain an auxiliary fire station on the above described property.

VI. That the American Legion Post 58 has failed to maintain an auxiliary fire station for several years and as such, pursuant to paragraph 1 of the lease agreement, that the lease should be declared null and void and that the property should revert back to the lessor herein, his heirs and assigns.

VII. The Plaintiff seeks that this Court declare the Lease Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A", null and void.

VIII. Alternatively, Plaintiff seeks to annul the lease agreement in that the Defendant, American Legion Post 58, is without legal capacity to lease real property.

IX. Additionally, any improvements on said property should be the possession of the Lessor herein.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, your Plaintiff herein prays that this his

Complaint to Annual Lease Agreement be received and filed; that process issue for Defendant in the manner as required by law, requiring the Defendant to plead, answer or otherwise respond to this Complaint; and upon a final hearing hereon that this Honorable Court declare the lease agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" null and void and that any improvements on said property should be the possession of the Plaintiff herein. Plaintiff prays for such other relief, both general and special, to which they may be entitled to in the premises.

Respectfully submitted this 26 day of October, 2005.

JAMES BRITTON  
By: Zach Butterworth (MS Bar# 9946)

Attorney for James Britton

HESSE & BUTTERWORTH, PLLC

100 South Beach Blvd.,

Suite 5

Post Office Drawer 220

Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Telephone: (228) 466-6588

Facsimile: (228) 466-2802

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Personally appeared before

me, the undersigned authority, in and for the aforesaid County

and State, James Britton, who, after being first duly sworn, on oath states that the matters and facts set forth in the above and foregoing instrument are true and correct as therein stated.

JAMES BRITTON  
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this the 26th day of October, 2005.

(SEAL)

Vicky Anderson  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: June 11, 2008  
12/08; 12/15; 12/21;  
12/28/2005

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

HANCOCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, BY ZADIE ROGERS, SOCIAL SERVICES REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND BROOKLYN JADE PETERSON, MINOR,

BY AND THROUGH HER NEXT FRIEND, ZADIE ROGERS, PETITIONERS VS.

KENNETH PAGE, DANNY LIZANA  
AND ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, RESPONDENTS

CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. C2301-05-688(3)

CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: KENNETH PAGE AND DANNY LIZANA, who are not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office addresses are not known to the Petitioners after diligent inquiry made by said Petitioners.

TO: ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose identity and post office address is not known to the Petitioners after diligent inquiry made by said Petitioners.

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Hancock County Department of Human Services by Zadie Rogers, Social Services Regional Director, and, Brooklyn Jade Peterson, a minor, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minor and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minor be placed with the Hancock County Department of Human Services.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:00

O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2006, IN THE HARRISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURTROOM, 1801 23RD AVENUE, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, BEFORE JUDGE SANFORD STECKLER, AND IN CASE

OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 12 day of December, 2005.

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY KELLAR,  
CHANCERY CLERK  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39520

BY: Lorriell Scarborough

Deputy Clerk

12/21; 12/28/05; 01/04/06

BEFORE THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF

MISSISSIPPI

RE: PETITION OF DOUGLAS PETROLEUM OPERATORS, L.L.C. REQUESTING PERMISSION TO ALLOW ANNUAL INJECTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY # 1 WELL, ANSLEY FIELD, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DOCKET NO. 19-2006-91 PUBLIC NOTICE

To all owners and persons interested in the International Paper Company # 1 Well, Ansley Field, Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Take notice that Doulos Petroleum Operators, L.L.C., has filed a Petition under the above docket number, requesting that this Board enter an Order granting authority to dispose of produced fluids through the annulus between 5" casing and the 9" casing in the International Paper Company # 1 Well is situated 660 feet from the West line and 460 feet from the South line of the Southwest Quarter in Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 15 West.

Dated this the 20th day of December, 2005.

STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI

By: /s/ Walter Boone  
WALTER BOONE, SUPERVISOR

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copy of said Petition and documents filed therewith are on file in the office of this Board and may be there examined by any person interested.

If you intend to contest the docket or request a continuance, you must notify the Board and the Petitioner's representative of your intention in writing by not later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. on January 10, 2006, being seven (7) days prior to the date stated above for the hearing. Failure to so notify the Board and the Petitioner shall be a waiver of your right to contest or request continuance.

You are advised that the Board may adopt orders concerning a petition which may differ from the relief requested by the petitioner and the Board will enter such order or orders, as in its judgment may be appropriate in accordance with the evidence presented.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

We, the officers of Rehab Technology and Supplies, intend to make application for: an On-premises retailer permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, Section 67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted such permit, we propose to operate as a corporation under the tradename of Clyde's located at 1060 Hwy. 90 Bay St. Louis of Hancock County.

The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of the owner(s)/partners/corporate officer(s) and/or majority stockholder(s) of the above named business are

Thomas A. Mortillaro,  
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President/Owner  
and Joseph A. Triche,  
Jr., 101 Basswood,  
Pass Christian, MS  
39571, Secretary.

This the 19 day of December, 2005.

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## Clark seeks federal help for elections infrastructure in counties damaged by Hurricane Katrina

Secretary of State Eric Clark stood in front of a destroyed polling place in Harrison County today and outlined the state's request for \$7.4 million in congressional assistance to rebuild the elections process in Mississippi.

"Across a good portion of Mississippi, polling places were damaged by the Hurricane," Clark said. "In addition, all of our counties must meet new federal mandates for voting machines and polling place accessibility even if their budgets were devastated by Katrina," Clark said.

"On top of these challenges, it appears unlikely Congress will fund the final year of the 'Help America Vote Act' (HAVA)," Clark continued. "For that reason, it is essential our local governments get help to keep our elections running smoothly and in accordance with federal law. We have worked to gather information from the counties and provided it to our leaders in Washington so they can know what is needed."

In September, Clark traveled to Washington to meet with congressional leaders and the Election Assistance Commission, the agency responsible for overseeing imple-

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